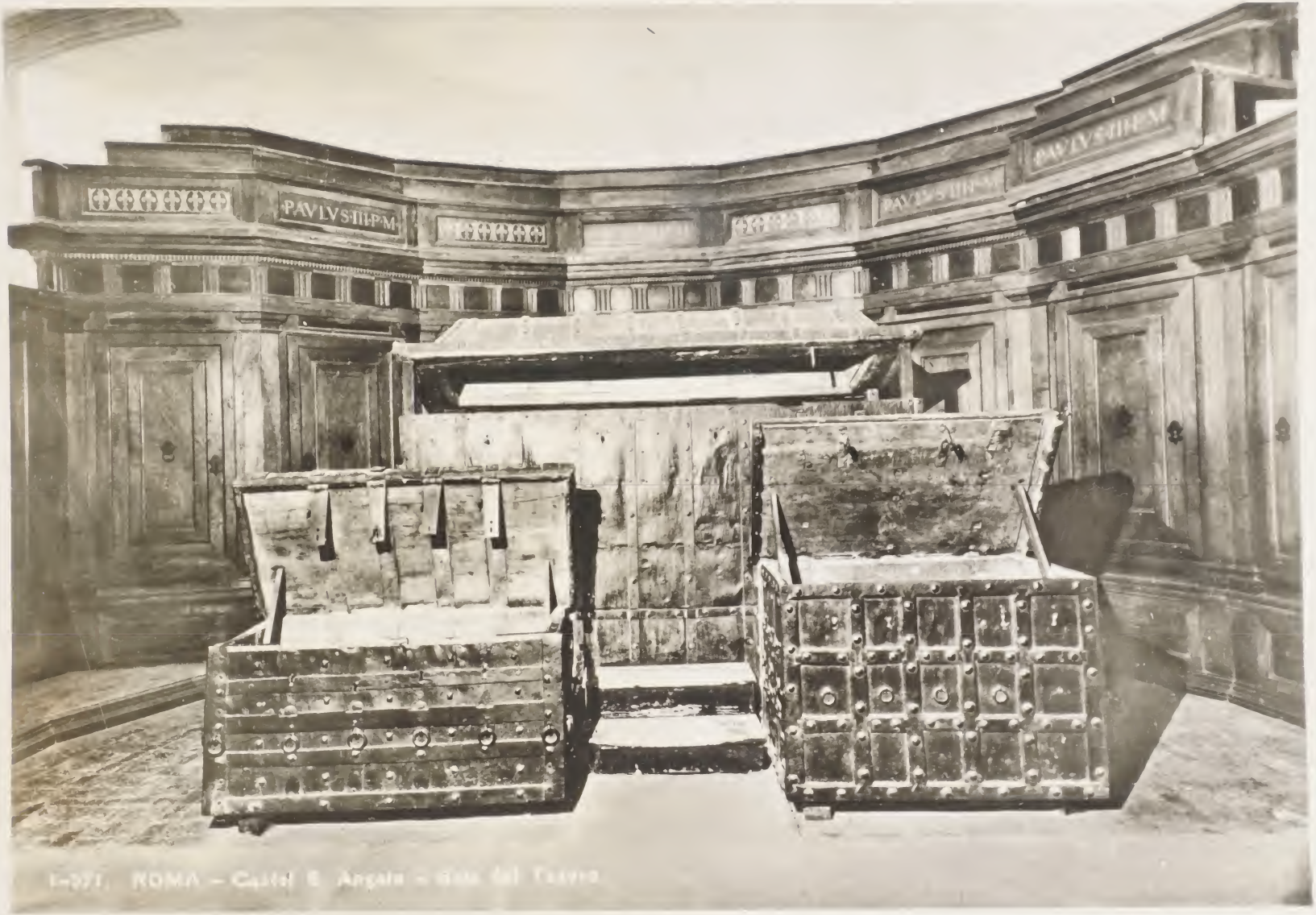
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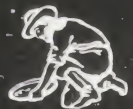

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James Wilson Marshall was born on a farm in New Jersey, Oct.10th,1812. A wheelwright by trade, he possessed a keen and inquiring mind, excelled in mathematics, was alert, energetic, restless, yet studious withal. Wanderlust brought him westward.

He arrived in California via the Oregon Trail, June 1845. In July following he went to work for Capt Sutter at the Fort, making spinning wheels, plows, etc.

In 1846 he joined the Bear Flag revolution; served in the California battalion under Colonel Fremont in the war with Mexico returning therefrom barefoot, clothed in buckskin, and without a dollar.

Sutter's need of lumber led Marshall up the American River in search of a mill site. In 1847 a contract was signed by Sutter and Marshall for a mill at Coloma, Sutter to provide the money and Marshall to run the mill.

Jan. 24th,1848 Marshall's keen eye caught the glitter of yellow metal lying six inches under water in the mill race. Picking it up, he at once surmised its probable value. He rushed to Sutter's Fort and announced his discovery to Capt Sutter. Further tests proved its value. Capt Sutter went to Coloma next day, and, after investigation, urged all hands to a six weeks' secrecy hoping thereby to finish his flour mill, then in course of construction at Brighton. Alas! a woman's tongue betrayed the secret: the flour mill was never finished: all hands rushed to the new El Dorado.

At first official Washington received the news incredulously, but was finally convinced by the second official report carried by Lieut Beale, backed with a nugget of gold "as big as a potato." The news quickly spread; public imagination was instantly fired, and soon the biggest stampede of history was under way. Tens of thousands went to California by land and sea. It is estimated that at least 45,000 crossed the plains in '49. The discovery of gold led to the real discovery of California. It had an intimate relation to the progress of the Union, and the new gold helped tremendously in the winning of the Civil War.

Marshall was not a miner, and his discovery profited him little. He became a marked man, an object of envy, slander and suspicion. Spied on, insulted, robbed, he was twice compelled to leave Coloma. He finally left the State for a time and lectured. However, his love for Coloma brought him back.

In 1855 he bought the land on which the Monument now stands, built the cabin which is still standing, terraced the hills, planted fruit trees and devised an ingenious method of irrigation. In 1865 he exhibited fruit at the County Fair in Placerville, but his venture in fruit raising became a financial failure.

In 1867 he moved to Kelsey, 3 miles distant from Coloma, and started placer mining. He had been in want and ill health for some time. Sporadic efforts to assist him were made by the State Legislature, but on the morning of August 10th,1885 he was found dead on his bed, fully dressed even to his hat. He was buried at public expense on the top of the hill (where the Monument now stands) overlooking his beloved valley, a spot he himself had chosen for his last resting place, "That his spirit might watch over Coloma."

He was a quiet, kindly, unassuming man, ever ready to help and share what he had. Naturally he was a sociable fellow, but the treatment he had received led him to become, in later years, somewhat morose and retiring. He never mingled with the rowdy element, but those who knew him intimately appreciated his sterling worth.

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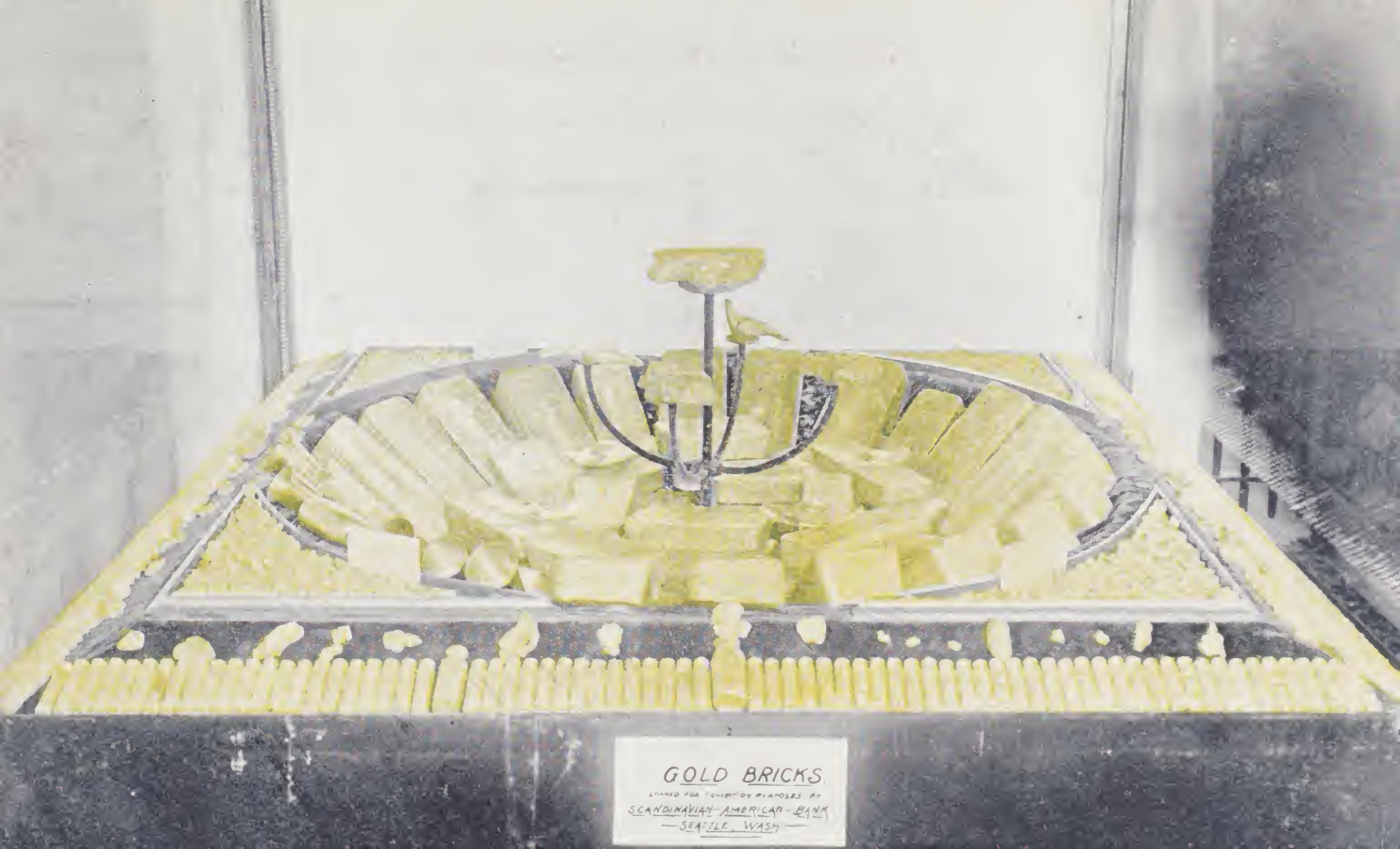
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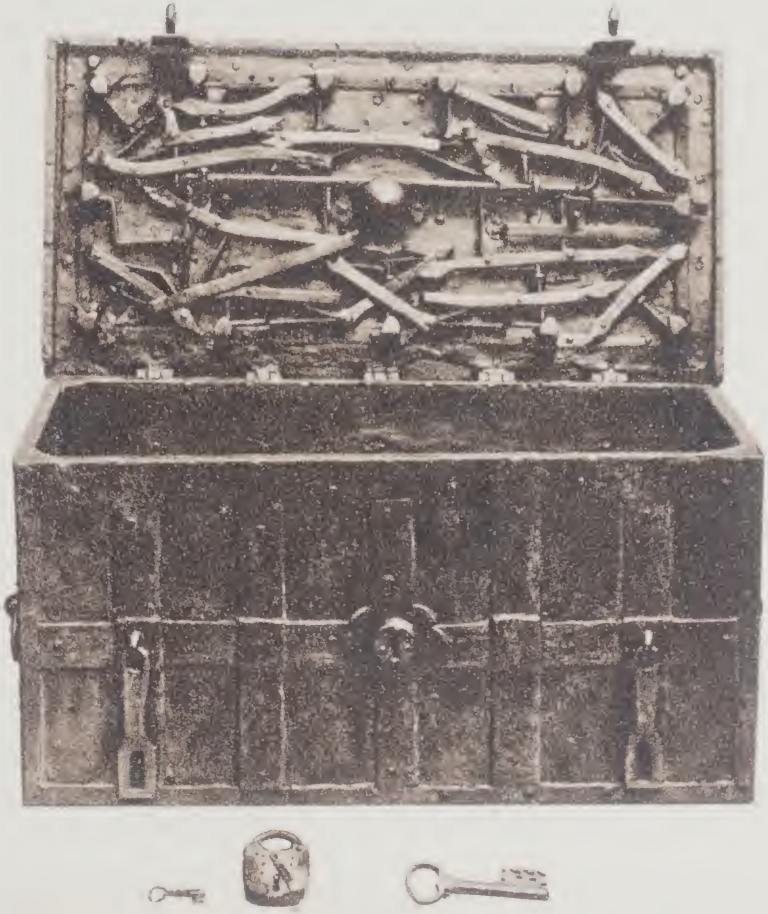

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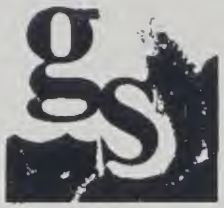

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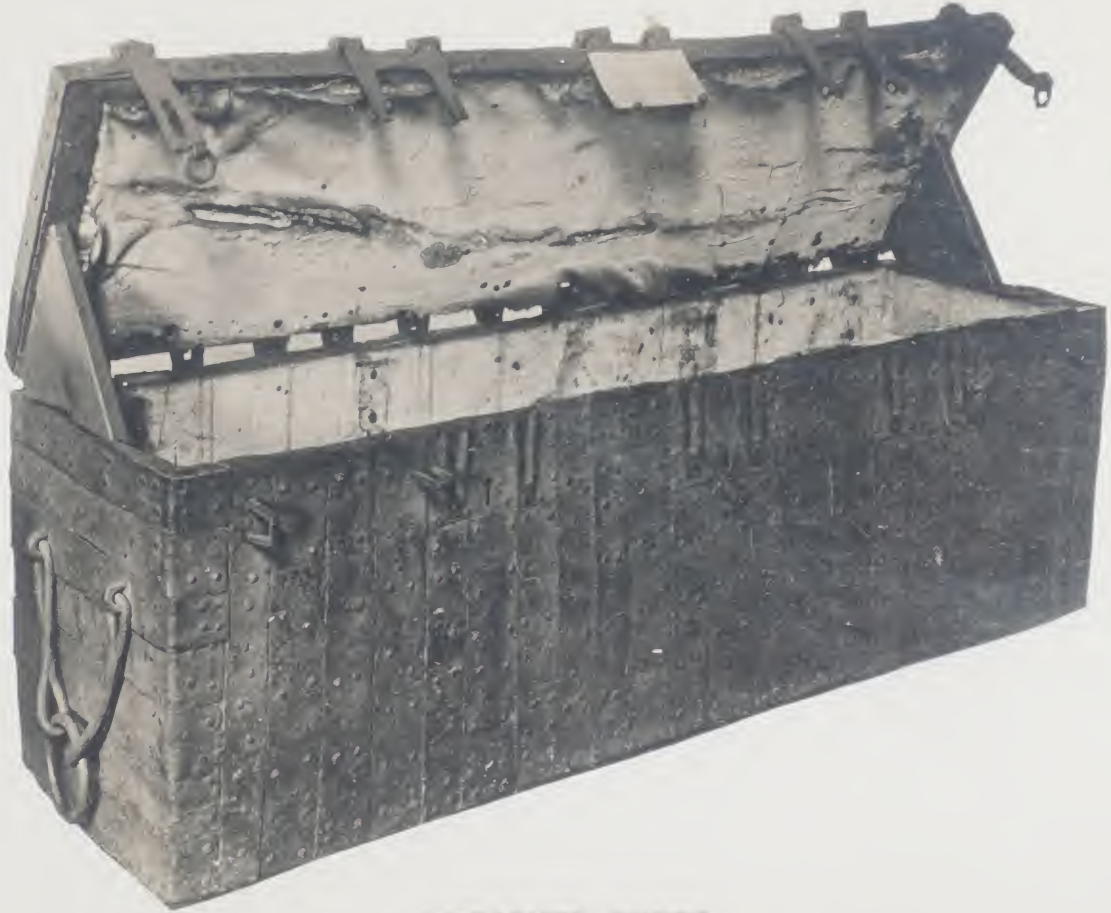

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